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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON AUGUST 22-26 LAGOS WORLD CONFERENCE OF ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID.
  2. FMG EXPECTS THE CONFERENCE TO ATTRACT SOME 1,000 DELEGATES. PUBLIC ESTIMATE IS SET AT 500 BUT GIVEN EXPERIENCE OF MAPUTO, MEA OFFICIALS SAY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL THE SIZE OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. CONFERENCE SESSIONS ARE TO BE HELD IN NEW NATIONAL THEATER WHICH WAS BUILT FOR SECOND WORLD BLACK AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE (WESTAC). MEA HAS BEGUN MAKING LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS, E.G. RESERVING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DELEGATIONS.
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3. AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN, NIGERIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE AND CHAIRMAN OF UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES LAGOS CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD, VISITED LAGOS LAST MONTH ACCOMPANIED BY E. S. REDDY, DIRECTOR OF UN CENTER AGAINST APARTHEID. IN FMG PRESS RELEASE, HARRIMAN SAID UN SEES CONFERENCE AS OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE UNIVERSAL ABHORRENCE OF

APARTHEID AND TO PLEDGE CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR ITS SPEEDY ERADICATION. GARBA, WHO HAS ACCEPTED HARRIMAN'S INVITATION TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE, SAID MUCH THE SAME IN A TV INTERVIEW REMARKING THAT CONFERENCE WOULD SERVE TO MAKE "CLARION CALL" TO HUMAN CONSCIENCE. GARBA NOTED THAT FMG HAD AGREED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AT THE REQUEST OF THE UN AND THAT NIGERIA WOULD HELP DEFRAID CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

4. ACCORDING TO HARRIMAN, PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS (UN INFORMATION OFFICE HERE ISSUED RELEASE JUNE 7 ANNOUNCING THAT NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER NORDI WOULD BE A KEY-NOTE SPEAKER), INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, TRADE UNIONS, CHURCHES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM. OTHER "PROMINENT WORLD LEADERS AND INTELLECTUALS" ARE ALSO TO BE ASKED TO ATTEND. MEA OFFICIALS SAY THAT HARRIMAN IS IN CHARGE OF COMPILING THE LIST OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO BE INVITED. MINISTRY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WHO MIGHT BE ON HARRIMAN'S LIST, BUT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION SAID THEY HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT CUBAN PRIME MINISTER CASTRO WOULD ATTEND. REPORTS HAD CIRCULATED HERE THAT CASTRO WOULD VISIT NIGERIA AND SPECULATION WAS THAT HE MIGHT COME FOR THE AUGUST CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR THE CUBAN LEADER TO COME TO NIGERIA ALTHOUGH HE HAS HAD AN OPEN INVITATION FOR SOME TIME. SAME OFFICIALS SAID SUBJECT OF CASTRO VISIT WAS NOT RAISED DURING VISIT OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISIDORO MALMIERCA (LAGOS 6296). BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION MALMIERCA MISSION DID, HOWEVER, EXPRESSLY MENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUGUST ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT CUBA WAS DISPOSED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF "THIS IMPORTANT EVENT."

5. AS FOR AGENDA, HARRIMAN SAID GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE INVITED "TO REPORT TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE ACTIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN, OR INTEND TO TAKE, IN IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO "DRAW UP A PROGRAM FOR THE WORLD-WIDE OBSERVANCE BY GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR" IN 1978."

6. COMMENT: FMG IS GEARING UP TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFUL AND AN EVENT WHICH COMMANDS WORLD ATTENTION. GIVEN SUBJECT MATTER AND AFRICAN LOCALE OF CONFERENCE, THE LEVEL OF RHETORIC PROMISES TO BE HIGH. COULD FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APRTHEID YEAR IS ON THE AGENDA CAUSE A U.S. DELEGATION ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY OR EMBARRASSMENT IN VIEW OF OUR DECISION LAST YEAR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN "DECADE AGAINST RACISM"

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